Oakville Ruritan

The Oakville Ruritan Club met at 7:00 p.m., October 6, at the Oakville School, for its regular monthly meeting.

The minutes were read and club projects discussed. Tickets for the Pancake Supper on October 22 were distributed to the members for sale. This supper will be held at the Oakville school from 4:00 to 8:00 p.m. and tickets may be obtained from any member; price, $2.00 for adults, and $1.00 for children under twelve years of age.

A report of contributions received for the Appomattox County Library was made. One further contribution for the library was received at the meeting. Keep them coming!

Mrs. Jean Mills and Mrs. Ann Ramsey of the Appomattox Elementary School presented the program. This was an informative and revealing talk on the problems of education of our children today.

The title of the talk, "Why Johnny Can't Read," is calculated to catch the eye. The reason why, is composed of a number of factors but revolves rather tightly around the attitude of the children and, perhaps more so, around the attitude of parents. We have been living in a permissive society that lets Johnny do what he pleases, when he pleases, and gives him a passing grade for doing nothing. The planned activities at school and at home are oriented to please Johnny, but do not teach him the realities of getting along in a world where the "Three R's" are important. In fact, this is so glaring that the Legislature has done something about it. It seems that from now on, pupils may be flunked and made to repeat grades for unsatisfactory work.

Mrs. Mills and Mrs. Ramsey, both, stressed the importance of parents getting out and going to the schools to see first-hand what their children are doing, and why; or why not.

If parents at home, along with the children, can be made to realize the school is not a 9:00 to 3:00 proposition, but continuing and everlasting process, much would be accomplished. The home influence is ever stronger that the school influence; and children should be taught such things as good manners, respect for others, honesty, integrity, and self-discipline, at home. If they were, the teacher's task would be a lot easier and more productive.

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BY CALVIN ROBINSON

Years ago, during my early years as publisher and editor of The Times-Virginian, located then on the railroad side of Main Street, a fellow about my size and age dropped by and we shared a long chat about Civil War history. He was a writer and a native of Iowa, touring Civil War scenes seeking a theme for a book. I distinctly recall that we agreed that stories about war prisons presented a possible field. I forgot about the incident until much later this visitor won the Pulitzer Prize and lasting fame for his book, ANDERSONVILLE. His name was MacKinlay Kantor and he died last week. In all he wrote thirty-two novels and hundreds of short stories and essays.

The World Series and football competed for attention over the week end. Slippery Rock defeated California (Pa.) 35 to 7, but the area big game was the 14-14 tie between U. of Virginia and Virginia Tech at Blacksburg. VMI was the only Big Five winner, downing The Citadel at Lexingbton. Hampden-Sydney is having a big year, and The Raiders of ACHS are looking up, after a big win over Jefferson Forest. This week it is ACHS against Liberty. The Colonel asked me why I, a Southern from Appomattox, was a Yankee fan. Had to say something, so I replied that once I met Babe Ruth. Then I asked him to name the top baseball player of all time. He thought a moment and said, well maybe Honus Wagner, the Flying Dutchman, and probably the greatest shortstop of them all. My selection was Tyrus Raymond Cobb. But there have been and still are so many stars, so many claims to fame. Maybe the real point is that we are a sports-minded nation and have been blessed with a galaxy of great performers.

Frost anybody? My porch thermometer was on a crisp thirty-four Monday morning. And windy. A sweater, coat and topcoat for me and a memo to try to find a pair of gloves. Managed to find two red roses from my lone rose bush, a veteran climbing Blaze. They were buds when I brought them indoors, but opened overnight.

Have not met the new pastor of the local presbyterian Church, but note that he served previously at Princess Anne, Md. Princess Anne is one of the historic towns on Mary's Eastern Shore, an area I knew well while living at Onancock in Accomack County, Va. The Manokin Presbyterian Church has had continuous services on approximately the same location for nearly 300 years. I remember the George Washington Hotel in Princess Anne. Its dining room had an antique cupboard nine feet high and six feet wide, over 300 years old. There was a display of colonial muskets, sabers, dueling pistols, exposed beams and a large fireplace. It was built in 1751 and restored in 1906. J. Douglas Wallop was the proprietor when I was there. Appomattox welcomes the Rev. and Mrs. Peter Hale and family and reminds them that they are now at another famous town.

Upon hearing of the death of beloved Bing Crosby, I checked my rack of stereo records, and first one I picked up was a 78 record of Crosby's White Christmas. Presley and then Crosby, two truly great heroes of our time.

Time to go. Thanks for reading and seeya next week.

THE MARKER SHOWING AMOUNT COLLECTED thus far toward the $12,500 goat set for the Appomattox County Rescue Squad Fund Drive had moved up to about $11,000 as of Tuesday of this week.

Members are anxious to reach the goal so if you have not made your donation and would like to do so, give it to any of the members or mail in to Appomattox County Rescue Squad Fund Drive, Box 57, Appomattox, Va. 24522.

Comprehensive Planning Continues

EDITOR'S NOTE - The following is the second in a series explaining the elements of the comprehensive planning process for Appomattox County and Town.

The study of existing public utilities and community facilities will be an element of the comprehensive planning process.

Community facilities and services include schools, health care centers, police and fire stations, libraries and recreation areas. These are for the benefit of all citizens.

Providing community facilities is one of the major expenses of local government. Local taxes usually finance the facilities either directly or indirectly.

Comprehensive planning helps ensure that the community facilities will meet the needs of the citizens. During the planning process, existing facilities, population estimates and other projected trends will be studied. The plan will show the present capacities and the future needs for facilities and their location.

Goals and objectives determined by the county and town citizens in public discussions and by the Appomattox County Planning Commission will help set priorities so that effective decisions for additional facilities can be made in the future.

Public utilities include such services as water, sewer, trash collection, electricity, telephone and fuel. These services are provided directly to homes & businesses. Some of these services are supplied by local governments or public corporations, while others are supplied by private corporations.

Although sometimes supported by taxes, utilities are more often financed by user fees.

Utilities must be supplied as the needs arise, the same as community facilities.

Existing utilities will be inventoried during the comprehensive planning process, and the plan will show future needs based on population and economic forecasts. The projections for future needs will include such utilities as water or sewer treatment plants that will be required during the next 25 years.

Succeeding articles will explain other elements of comprehensive planning - land use, housing and transportation.

APPOMATTOX HEALTH PLANNING COUNCIL TO MEET

There will be a meeting of the Appomattox County Health Planning Council Monday, October 24, 1977, at 7:30 p.m. in the office of the Appomattox Juvenile and Domestic Relations District Court.

A program on Home Health Care will be presented by Mrs. Brenda Richardson, Appomattox County Public Health Nurse.

Also, Dr. Kenneth A. Powell, who recently joined Drs. Fratrick and Mathews, will be introduced to the Council.

Council members are urged to make every effort possible to attend this meeting.

National Park Visitation Up 20%

According to a report from the Appomattox National Historical Park on Tuesday of this week, park visitation through the month of September of this year is up 20 percent.

Through the month of September of 1976, 185,000 persons visited the local national park. The total for the same period of time in 1977 has risen to 223,000.

It is good to know that more and more people each year are coming to historic Appomattox County.

STATE AWARD- J. A. Nolen (1) presents a check to Johnnie Trent to cover the expenses of the William Campbell FFA farm business management team to attend the National FFA Convention in Kansas City. Looking on are Brandon Scott and [illegible] Costes. The William Campbell FFA team won the state contest sponsored by Jim Nolen Associates, Inc. during the State FFA Convention in June.

Football Contest Winners Announced

Winners in the weekly Football Contest sponsored by area businesses have been announced by the Times-Virginian for last week's contest.

With a total of 23 games to predict, Virginia and VPI played to a tie and Kansas and Colorado also played to a tie. Both of these games were counted incorrect therefore the total number of games possible to predict correct would be only 21 of the games.

Ernie Chenault, with 19 correct predictions, has been declared the first place winner and will receive a check from the Times-Virginian in the amount of $10.00 as his prize. He also was one of the very few to predict the Appomattox win over Jefferson-Forest.

Larry Worley, Walter E. Hancock, Jr., Twyman Coleman and Tommy Irvin each predicted 18 of the 21 games correctly. Going to the Tie Breaker for a winner, Walter E. Hancock, Jr. is the winner of second place with his prediction of the Raider - Jefferson Forest game off by 12 points. Mr. Hancock will receive a check in the amount of $5.00 from the Times-Virginian as his prize.

Be sure and enter the contest next week and get your entry into this newspaper early . . . you may be the winner next week!

Supervisors To Consider Proposed Curfew

The Appomattox County Board of Supervisors heard a proposal from Sheriff J. E. Richardson at their meeting on Friday for a curfew ordinance.

Youngsters in the county may be facing a curfew because of an increasing problem of juveniles congregating around businesses after they close.

The supervisors delayed a decision on this matter until their next meeting.

Richardson said crowds of up to 150 youngsters, some as young as 13, gather in parking lots of businesses in Appomattox "until 3 or 4 in the morning."

He said the drug and alcohol abuse problem within these groups adds to the law enforcement problems. No trespassing signs have been ineffective, the sheriff said, as they are torn down the first night they have been put up. If they are posted inside the buildings, the youngsters can contend they did not see them and charges are dismissed.

Dr. S. R. Lawson, a board member, agreed with Richardson's assessment, saying the drug problem in the county seems to have increased during the past several months.

Dr. Johanna Harris, new Health Department Director

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MARCH OF DIMES ANNOUNCES NEW POSTER CHILD

The Central Virginia Chapter March of Dimes is proud to announce this year's new Poster Child, Timmy Padgett. Timmy is the son of Hazel and Charles Padgett and they live at Route 2, Concord. He was born July 27, 1966 at Lynchburg General Hospital with an open spine.

Timmy is able to get around with brances and is a good student in the 6th grade at Appomattox Elementary School.

During the upcoming year Timmy will be attending all March of Dimes functions. On October 13-15 he will be joining other March of Dimes Volunteers at a conference in Washington, D.C. Attending the conference from the Central Virginia Area will be members of the Central Virginia Chapter: Mr. P. C. Smith, Mrs. Mattie O'Brien; Mrs. Sue Derbin, Mrs. Barbara Litton, Miss Lois Daniel, Miss Debbie Wood, and Tim's mother, Mrs. Padgett. Also attending will be students from area high schools, Mike Abrams, Carol Rand, Donna Calihan, Rita Reynolds, and Jenny Paul. This is an educational conference for representatives from Virginia, Maryland, Pennsylvania, Delaware, and the D. C. area.

Basic Skills And Graduation Requirements Discussed By School Board At Meeting

The Appomattox County School Board gave special attention to the program of basic learning skills and minimum requirements for graduation at its meeting on Wednesday of last week.

The standard for basic skills development enacted by the 1976 General Assembly states: "By September, nineteen hundred seventy-eight, the Board of Education, in cooperation with the local school divisions, shall establish specific minimum statewide educational objectives in reading, communications, and mathematics skills that should be achieved during the primary grades and during the intermediate grades."

These objectives have been established and each teacher in kindergarten through grade six has a copy. At present the members of each school faculty are working with the respective principal to become familiar with the objectives and to make an informal assessment of the students in relation to achievement of the minimum skills. A county committee of eight teachers, the school principals, and the central office staff have responsibilities for coordination of activities, development of plans, and assistance to the faculty of each school.

It is important to understand that the objectives are minimum. Many students achieve far beyond these established objectives. Other students have difficulty achieving the minimum.

For Appomattox County the program is not new. In the past teachers have focused instruction on basic skill development. However, improvements can be made. The approach within the schools will be coordination of efforts to continue progress in the effectiveness of instruction and learning. The assistance and support of parents are needed.

Another area which the Board discussed was minimum requirements for graduation. The State Board of Education included in the recently revised Standards for Accrediting Schools in Virginia minimum competencies as a requirement for graduation. The standard states: "In order to graduate from an accredited secondary school and receive a high school diploma in Virginia, students shall earn the number of units of credit prescribed by the Board of Education and be able to demonstrate to the satisfaction of local school officials attainment of the following minimum competencies: functional literacy in the communicative skills including the ability to read, write and speak; computational skills including the ability to work with decimals and percentages to the extent that they can effectively participate in society as consumers; a basic knowledge and understanding of the history and cultures of

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ACHS Commended Students In the 1978 Merit Program

The principal, Donald L. Armentrout, announced today that two senior students at Appomattox County High School have achieved Commended student status in the 23rd annual (1978) National Merit Scholarship Program. This honor is the result of each student's outstanding performance on the Preliminary Scholarship Program. This honor is the result of each student's outstanding performance on the Preliminary Scholastic Aptitude Test National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test (PSAT-NMSQT) which was administered nationwide to high school juniors in October 1976. Letters of Commendaiton will be presented to David B. Eye and Walker Covington.

A total of approximately 35,000 Commended students throughout the United States are being honored by the National Merit Scholarship Corporation (NMSC) which administers the yearly scholarship competition. Stud-

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To Head Red Cross Program

Grover P. Beasley, Jr. has been named to head the Red Cross Program for Appomattox County. Beasley replaces the late Rev. Cecil Dalton who headed the Chapter for some time prior to this death.

According to Beasley, earlier this year the Red Cross Blood Program was in a position of not having a Chairman to carry out the duties for the Bloodmobile Program.

As newly elected Chairman of the Appomattox County Chapter of the American Red Cross, Beasley tried for several months to recruit a chairman for this part of the program. In September, approximately three weeks before the visit here was scheduled, his wife, Nina Barlow Beasley, agreed to take the Chairmanship for one fiscal year to keep our county active in the Blood Program. At the same time, Mrs. Jennie Towns agreed to work as co-chairman.

With Mrs. Beasley working full time, it was going to be very difficult to carry out the duties of this position. In the mean time, Mrs. Towns consented to be Chairman and effective immediately

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Bike-A-Thon Postponed

The Annual American Cancer Society Bike-A-Thon scheduled for last Sunday was postponed until this Sunday, October 23rd, due to the rain we had on the scheduled date. Time will be the same - 2 p.m.

This annual event helps the Appomattox County Chapter raise a large part of their funds in their efforts to meet their goals set by the National Office. Time after time the cost of cancer treatment and cure has risen.

Please support a rider - one-fourth of the funds raised comes directly back to this county in assistance.

POST OFFICES TO OBSERVE HOLIDAY

The Appomattox Post Office and the Pamplin Post Office will both be closed Monday, October 24, in observance of Veterans Day.

There will be no window service and no rural delivery on Monday.

UN DAY

This year on October 24, the peoples of the world will join together once again to observe United Nations Day, recalling the date in 1945 when the United Nations Charter came into force. UN Day is a time for the world's citizens to reaffirm their faith in the Charter's ideals of peace and human rights. UN Day is an occasion for us to review our commitment to and our participation in cooperation between nations. UN Day gives us all an opportunity to examine our involvement in the world's problems and their possible solutions.

This year, Ivey Holland is Chairman of UN day for Appomattox County.

As we face today's pressing problems and tomorrow's crucial questions, we realize that

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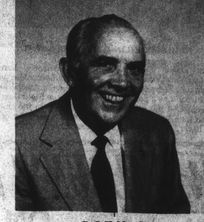

R. C. Hubbard

Retires After 31 Years With MSD

Robert C. Hubbard, a native of Appomattox County, retired October 1, 1977 after spending nearly thirty-one years with Merck, Sharp & Dohme, pharmaceutical and biological manufacturers.

A Senior Professional Representative, "Bob" was referred to by many friends in the profession as "The Dean of Professional Medical Representatives." He is a registered pharmacist having successfully passed the Board in October of 1946 in the State of Massachusetts.

A retirement party was held at the Hyall House in Richmond at which he received many useful gifts and mementoes. A lot of Mr. Hubbard's collogues with whom he had the pleasure of training as new detail men were present, two of whom are now District Managers.

The Vice President of this company presented Mr. Hubbard with his 30 year pin at a meeting a few months previous as they were both members of the same training class at West Point in 1958.

During this thirty-one year period, Bob turned down opportunities for promotions time after time as he preferred to continue his relationship with the people he loved and served.

A fellow who loved his work, loved people, his greatest ambition was to provide service to others. This, Bob says, he learned very vividly from one of the finest men of this county, the late Dr. Charles P. James, Druggist, with whom he was associated from 1926 to 1943. He also was associated with Harold Y. Spencer and Ryland Mann at the time when it was said "try the drug store first." They sold everything, even postage stamps and "the corner drug store" was the social meeting place for the society of Appomattox.

Mr. Hubbard served a three year tour of duty as lab technician in an Army station hospital in Oxford, England in 1945, at the end of the war in Europe, as a lab technician he was given three months of special courses in tropical diseases at the University of Oxford as his unit was the first hospital unit [illegible] assigned to

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